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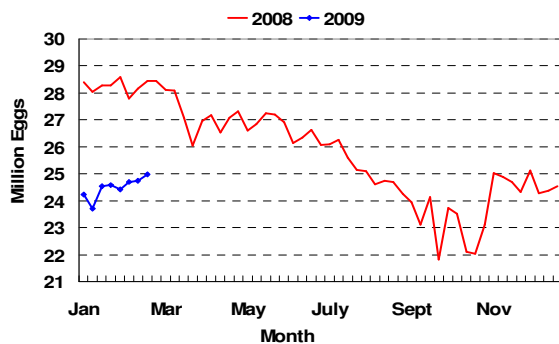
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 12 Percent from Last Year

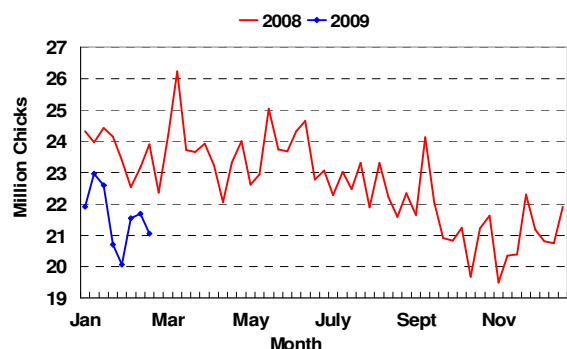
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.1 million during the week ending February 21, 2009. Placements were down 12 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 25.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 21, 2009, down 12 percent from the same period last year but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, January 24, 2009 - February 21, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	24-Jan	31-Jan	7-Feb	14-Feb	21-Feb	24-Jan	31-Jan	7-Feb	14-Feb	21-Feb
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,216	28,901 *	29,023	29,489	29,086	19,290	19,404	19,762	20,291	20,348
Arkansas	24,590	24,416 *	24,710	24,737 *	24,980	20,709	20,068	21,546	21,696 *	21,053
Delaware	3,332	3,417	3,480	3,304	3,502	4,502	4,547	4,580	3,975	4,533
Florida	999	1,016	1,027	1,021	1,020	864	898	778	852	741
Georgia	33,154	32,317	32,527	32,711 *	32,818	27,720	28,258	27,161	27,936 *	26,910
Kentucky	7,881 *	6,605 *	7,429	7,885	7,167	6,349	4,497	6,032	6,523 *	4,478
Louisiana	3,454	3,454	3,470	3,470	3,470	3,247	3,622	3,224	3,031	3,655
Maryland	8,156	8,484	8,095	8,779	8,866	5,880	6,199	6,159	5,083	5,321
Mississippi	16,926	17,190	17,475	17,692	17,891	16,346	16,271	16,300	15,631	15,655
N. Carolina	18,997	18,468 *	18,549	18,353	18,863	15,327	15,559	15,082	15,292 *	15,523
Oklahoma	6,454	6,749 *	6,777	6,850	6,772	4,502	4,393	4,453	4,549	4,783
Pennsylvania	3,859	3,939	3,810	3,745 *	4,135	2,963	3,032	3,054 *	3,079 *	3,082
S. Carolina	5,272	5,792	5,719	5,589	5,789	4,533	4,604	5,650	4,765	4,543
Texas	15,394	14,745	15,443	15,526	15,530	13,262	13,167	13,033	13,197	12,638
Virginia	5,505	5,385	5,535	5,749	5,943	4,752	4,656	4,631	5,289	4,512
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,485 *	17,665 *	18,843 *	18,517 *	19,454	17,223 *	17,514	16,538	15,415 *	15,493
19 State Total	201,674 *	198,543 *	201,912 *	203,417 *	205,286	167,469 *	166,689	167,983 *	166,604 *	163,268
Prev. Year Total	217,697	218,880	217,271	218,479	219,311	177,611	176,060	176,413	177,543	178,240
% of Prev. Year	93	91	93	93	94	94	95	95	94	92

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 21, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 8 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 21, 2009. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through February 21, 2009 were 1.42 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.